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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 3-7 and 9 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions With Markings to Show Changes Made."

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3. (Amended) A structure according to claim 1, wherein said first layer comprises metal fibers with a diameter of less than 3 μm and wherein said second layer comprises metal fibers with a diameter of at least three times the diameter of the fibers in the first layer.
 4. (Amended) A structure according to claim 1, wherein said first layer has a weight ranging between 300 g/m^2 and 600 g/m^2 .